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HEAD OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AT FCO,
REID, TOLD EMBOFF ON APRIL 28 THAT UK IN SAME QUANDARY AS
US CONCERNING TRANSITION FROM CONSULATE GENERAL TO EMBAS-
SY IN LOURENCO MARQUES WHEN MOZAMBIQUE BECOMES INDEPEND-
ENT. REID SAID THAT INSTINCTIVELY HMG DOES NOT LIKE TO
ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR TRANSITION FROM CONSULATE GENER-
AL OR OTHER MISSION TO EMBASSY ON INDEPENDENCE. THEY
WOULD PREFER TO MAKE TRANSITION BY SIMPLY SEEKING AGRE-
MENT FOR THEIR CONSUL GENERAL AS AMBASSADOR. AT PRESENT
TIME FCO FORMULATING THEIR RESPONSE IN EVENT THEY ARE
ASKED TO ENTER INTO SUCH AN AGREEMENT. ON PERSONAL BASIS,
REID COMMENTED THAT IF MOZAMBIQUE INSISTS, BRITISH MAY
HAVE TO GO ALONG AND MAKE REQUEST.

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